

## Office of Travis County Judge Sarah Eckhardt

October 30, 2015

The Honorable Greg Abbott Governor of Texas C/o State Coordinator Division of Emergency Management P.O. Box 4087 Austin, Texas 78773-0001

## Dear Governor Abbott:

On October 30, 2015 Travis County was severely impacted by a rain event that produced record amounts of rainfall. Tragically one life has been lost due to this incident at this time. The hardest hit areas in Travis County were along Onion Creek with significant impact to homes, government facilities and roadway infrastructure. Travis County believes this event will result in hundreds of homes being impacted. Numerous roads, bridges and drainage culverts have sustained damage due to flood waters. Efforts are underway to make an accurate assessment of costs associated with the losses. Travis County and Jurisdictions within Travis County expect to incur significant costs associated with Debris Removal once the water begins to recede.

While response operation are still underway, it is my belief the damage to homes and businesses due to the rain and flood water constitutes a potential public health and safety hazard. I have determined that this incident will be of such severity that an effective recovery is beyond Travis County's capability without State and/or Federal Assistance. Additionally, I certify that Travis County does not have local funding available to make the needed repairs and to provide these citizens with effective relief.

Your assistance in this emergency matter, as it affects the safety and health needs of our citizens would be appreciated.

**Sincerely** 

Sáráh Eckhafdt, Travis County Judge

Chief Deputy Travis Co. Clerk

## TRAVIS COUNTY FLOODING DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the County of Travis on the 30th day of October 2015, suffered damage and loss of property resulting from a significant rainfall event;

WHEREAS, after an extensive review, the Judge of the County of Travis has determined that extra measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to rehabilitate property;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS:

- Section 1. That a state of disaster is declared for the County of Travis.
- Section 2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
- Section 3. That the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the Commissioners' Court of the County of Travis, Texas.

Section 4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 30 day of (Money, 2015.

Sarah Eckhardt County Judge County of Travis, Texas

THE OFFICE OF

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Date: 1 dober 30, 2015